AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1, 6, 11 and 15 without prejudice to the underlying subject matter and amend claims 2, 7, 12-14 and 16-18 as follows. The following listing of claims replaces all previous versions and listings of claims.

1. Cancelled.

2. (currently amended) A system for capturing video data defining a moving picture, comprising:

  means for receiving the video data from a source;

  means for storing, in real time as the video data is received, the video data as a clip in a computer data file on a non-volatile random-access computer-readable and rewritable medium according to a trigger signal associated with the source;

  means for providing for storage of an attribute associated with the clip;

  a user interface for allowing user input of an attribute for storage with the clip, wherein the attribute is a value selected by the user from a set of at least three ordered values indicative of an assessment by the user of merit of the clip;

~~The system of claim 1, wherein the system stores a plurality of clips and further includes:~~

  means for searching the attributes of the clips according to a desired attribute; and

  means for displaying an indication of at least one of the clips corresponding to the desired attribute.

3. (original) The system of claim 2, wherein the means for searching includes:

  means for ranking the clips according to the attributes.

4. (original) The system of claim 2, wherein the desired attribute is a threshold value and the means for searching includes:

  means for identifying clips having an attribute that is above the threshold.

5. (original) The system of claim 2, wherein the means for searching includes:

means for receiving an indication of a value in the set of ordered values; and

means for selecting the clips having the received value as an attribute.

6.   Cancelled.

7.   (currently amended)   A method for capturing video data defining a moving picture, comprising:

receiving the video data from a source;

storing, in real time as the video data is received, the video data as a clip in a computer data file on a non-volatile random-access computer-readable and rewritable medium according to a trigger signal associated with the source;

receiving user input of an attribute for storage with the clip, wherein the attribute is a value selected by the user from a set of at least three ordered values indicative of an assessment by the user of merit of the clip;

storing the received user input as an attribute associated with the clip;

~~The method of claim 6, wherein a plurality of clips are stored and the method further includes:~~

searching the attributes of the clips according to a desired attribute; and

displaying an indication of at least one of the clips corresponding to the desired attribute.

8.   (original)   The method of claim 7, wherein searching includes:

ranking the clips according to the attributes.

9.   (original)   The method of claim 7, wherein the desired attribute is a threshold value and searching includes: identifying clips having an attribute that is above the threshold.

10.   (original)   The method of claim 7, wherein searching includes:

receiving an indication of a value in the set of ordered values; and

selecting the clips having the received value as an attribute.

11.   Cancelled.

12.   (currently amended) A system for editing a motion picture, comprising:

means for storing video data as a plurality of clips in a plurality of computer data files on a non-volatile random-access computer-readable and rewritable medium, wherein at least some of the plurality of clips have an attribute associated with the clip, wherein the attribute is a value from a set of at least three ordered values indicative of an assessment of merit of the clip;

means for allowing a user to supply a desired attribute;

means for selecting at least one clip from the plurality of clips according to the attribute associated with the clip and the desired attribute supplied by user;

means for presenting the selected clips as options to the user for insertion into motion picture; and

The system of claim 11, wherein the means for selecting includes [[:]] means for ranking the clips according to the attributes.

13.   (currently amended)   A system for editing a motion picture, comprising:

means for storing video data as a plurality of clips in a plurality of computer data files on a non-volatile random-access computer-readable and rewritable medium, wherein at least some of the plurality of clips have an attribute associated with the clip, wherein the attribute is a value from a set of at least three ordered values indicative of an assessment of merit of the clip;

means for allowing a user to supply a desired attribute;

means for selecting at least one clip from the plurality of clips according to the attribute associated with the clip and the desired attribute supplied by user;

means for presenting the selected clips as options to the user for insertion into motion picture; and

The system of claim 11, wherein the desired attribute is a threshold value and the means for selecting includes [[:]] means for identifying clips having an attribute that is above the threshold value.

14.   (currently amended)   A system for editing a motion picture, comprising:

means for storing video data as a plurality of clips in a plurality of computer data files on a non-volatile random-access computer-readable and rewritable medium, wherein at least some of the plurality of clips have an attribute associated with the clip, wherein the attribute is a value from a set of at least three ordered values indicative of an assessment of merit of the clip;

means for allowing a user to supply a desired attribute;

means for selecting at least one clip from the plurality of clips according to the attribute associated with the clip and the desired attribute supplied by user;

means for presenting the selected clips as options to the user for insertion into motion picture; and

~~The system of claim 11,~~ wherein the desired attribute is a value in the set of ordered values and the means for selecting includes [[:]] means for selecting the clips having the value as an attribute.

15.   Cancelled.

16.   (currently amended) A method for editing a motion picture, comprising:

storing video data as a plurality of clips in a plurality of computer data files on a non-volatile random-access computer-readable and rewritable medium, wherein at least some of the plurality of clips have an attribute associated with the clip, wherein the attribute is a value from a set of at least three ordered values indicative of an assessment of merit of the clip;

allowing a user to supply a desired attribute;

selecting at least one clip from the plurality of clips according to the attribute associated with the clip and the desired attribute supplied by user;

presenting the selected clips as options to the user for insertion into motion picture; and

~~The method of claim 15,~~ wherein selecting includes [[:]] ranking the clips according to the attributes.

17.   (currently amended)   A method for editing a motion picture, comprising:

storing video data as a plurality of clips in a plurality of computer data files on a non-volatile random-access computer-readable and rewritable medium, wherein at least some of the plurality of clips have an attribute associated with the clip, wherein the attribute is a value from a set of at least three ordered values indicative of an assessment of merit of the clip;

allowing a user to supply a desired attribute;

selecting at least one clip from the plurality of clips according to the attribute associated with the clip and the desired attribute supplied by user;

presenting the selected clips as options to the user for insertion into motion picture; and

The method of claim 15, wherein the desired attribute is a threshold value and selecting includes [[:]] identifying clips having an attribute that is above the threshold value.

18.   (currently amended)   A method for editing a motion picture, comprising:

storing video data as a plurality of clips in a plurality of computer data files on a non-volatile random-access computer-readable and rewritable medium, wherein at least some of the plurality of clips have an attribute associated with the clip, wherein the attribute is a value from a set of at least three ordered values indicative of an assessment of merit of the clip;

allowing a user to supply a desired attribute;

selecting at least one clip from the plurality of clips according to the attribute associated with the clip and the desired attribute supplied by user;

presenting the selected clips as options to the user for insertion into motion picture; and

The method of claim 15, wherein the desired attribute is a value in the set of ordered values and selecting includes [[:]] selecting the clips having the value as an attribute.